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US Intelligence Community

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State and Treasury Departments' intelligence activities, the US Intelligence Board and others. Evolution of this "community," its legal bases, missions and the network of controls under which it operates, is the meat of the book.

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The author is loyal to his former agency and gives it strongest play. He does not come to grips with the argument over whether operations properly may be conducted by intelligence agencies, though this continuing discussion is of immediate interest to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Rather, it is in essence a defense of an often-attacked "business" which traditionally may not defend itself against public criticism or international propaganda. To that end, Kirkpatrick suggests that from time to time "official release of nonsensitive information about the work of the intelligence community would help to alleviate the fear of the secret and powerful system."

The Kirkpatrick thesis is that public "enlightenment by leak: secret documents passed to newsmen; conscience-salving recriminations by those with afterthoughts about policies; money-making revelations by alleged insiders," can be overcome—for Americans, at least—by fuller and franker Congressional and Presidential reports on national intelligence affairs.

The nonprofessional in the intelligence field will find this a readable backgrounding in an area of historically increasing importance. Directed toward the general public, this book is not for the edification of the intelligence "pro," though he may welcome it as a source of nonclassified "sharing" for his wife.

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THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY: Foreign Policy and Domestic Activities by Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr. 212 Pages. Hill & Wang, 1973. \$7.95.

Frustrations and annoyance of an intelligence professional, who suffers from "so much nonsense . . . written about the Central Intelligence Agency and the intelligence community of the United States," prompted this effort "to put before the public a book that sets the record straight."

Thus, Political Science Professor and former CIA Inspector General Kirkpatrick sets the stage for this short, largely historical work which gathers in orderly sequences a documented survey of what has appeared on his subject in public media during his 1947-65 CIA service.

National and not tactical, intelligence is the area of interest, and the "community" is centered in Washington: the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency,